this technology though not all of them are actively pursuing it.

(d) Iran has not declared capability in this technology.

(e) Supply of research reactor to Iran is at an exploratory stage and is not related to reprocessing technology.

Flats/Plots to SCs/STs

4414. SHRI JANGBIR SINGH:
PROF. PREM DHUMAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a backlog in the allotment of plots and flats including S.F.S. flats in the 25 per cent quota of reservation in all the schemes, category-wise separately, including registrations;

(b) if so, the total number of backlog in the allotment of residential plots, flats including the Rohini Residential Scheme and S.F.S. flats etc. scheme-wise, category-wise separately;

(c) whether the Government have issued instruction in April, 1989 to the DDA to cover up the backlog in residential plots, flats and other S.F.S. flats, etc;

(d) if so the details thereof;

(e) whether the DDA has followed these instructions and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the time by which the Government will be able to get these instructions implemented through the DDA.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

(c) and (d). In April, 89 the Government had decided and conveyed to the DDA that the DDA should invite applications only from the members of SC/ST in respect of such schemes for flats and plots whereby full reserved quota has not been utilised for want of sufficient number of registrants belonging to these categories. This decision of the Government was to be applicable to all categories of housing schemes i.e.e Janata, LIG and MIG and SFS.

(e) and (f). For covering the backlog under the New Pattern Scheme, 1979 the DDA had invited applications in November-December, 89 exclusively from persons from SC/ST categories for allotment of 20,000 flats of Janta, LIG and MIG category under a Scheme called Ambedkar Awas Yojana. The reasons for not covering the backlog under other housing schemes are being ascertained from the DDA and the same will be placed on the table fo the House in due course of time.

Closure of Public Sector units in West Bengal

4415. PROF. MALINI BHATTACHARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to close down or off-load seven public sector units in West Bentgal;

(b) whether the sale of these units to private agencies is being contemplated;

(c) if so, whether any consultations with the State Government or workers' representatives in the matter have been held; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

Utilisation of Salt Cess

4416. DR. MAHAVIRSINH HARISINHJI GOHIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has made any demand in regard to the cess charged on salt;

(b) if so, when and the income earned from Gujarat in respect of the cess charged on salt;

(c) the amount of income deposited and the total amount of cess invested by Government of Gujarat in the State Schemes with the prior permission of the Union Government;

(d) whether any guidelines have been issued to ensure equal distribution of the State share of cess on salt;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, whether Union Government propose to issue guidelines for equal distribution of the amount of cess charged on salt between the State and the Centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (f). The Government of Gujarat have been regularly seeking assistance from the Salt Cess proceeds for the execution of development, labour welfare and community development work in the State. The average annual collection of Salt Cess from Gujarat is about Rs 1,46,83,735-.

The Cess proceeds are not apportioned *between the Centre and the States nor such apportionment is contemplated. However,* financial assistance is also extended from the Cess proceeds to the State Governments for the purposes specified under Section 4 (a) & (b) of the Salt Cess Act, 1953 on the basis of the recommendations of the Central and Regional Advisory Boards for Salt and the Code fo Principles framed by the Government of India from time to time

[*English*]

Employment to Displaced Persons of Tarapur Atomic Power Plant

4417. SHRI MOHAN RAWLE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have provided regular employment in Tarapur, Maharashtra, to all those persons who were displaced by the Setting up of Tarapur Atomic Power Plant;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to ensure immediate employment to the displaced persons in Tarapur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Project Affected Persons (PAPs) due to setting up of Tarapur Atomic Power Plant and other projects of Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) at Tarapur have been given preference and were employed based on availability of posts and meeting to minimum norms of qualifications and experience.